'Autonomy' envoy arrives in Israel

TEL AVIV (A.P.) - Richard Fairbanks, the new U.S. envoy to the Palestinian "autonomy" negotiations, arrived on an exploratory mission Wednesday during a spate of Palestinian unrest in the occupied West Bank. Mr. Fairbanks, a former assistant secretary of state for congressional relations, was to start a round of meetings Thursday and Friday with Israeli officials including Prime Minister Menachem Begin. He travels to Cairo Sunday to follow up the Reagan administration's attempt to revive the long-stalled Israel-Egypt-U.S. talks on Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.



Mugabe sacks Zimbabwe ministers

SALISBURY (R) - Prime Minister Robert Mugabe Wednesday announced he had sacked veteran nationalist Joshua Nkomo and two of his ZAPU Party ministers from the cabinet, effectively ending the coalition of national unity which had ruled Zimbabwe since independence almost two years ago. Mr. Mugabe told a news conference that Mr. Nkomo, a minister without portfolio, had stockpiled weapons at strategic locations around the country in preparation for a coup. The other dismissed ministers were Transport Minister Josiah Chinamano, the deputy leader of ZAPU, and Natural Resources Minister Joseph Msika. Deputy Mines Minister Jini Mtuta was also fired. Earlier story on page 8.

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His Majesty King Hussein receives at Al

Hummar Palace Wednesday U.S. Senator

John Glenn (far left). Attending the audience,

from right to left, are Minister of Information

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Iran says Iraqi jets bombed city

LONDON (R) — Iraqi aircraft bombed the western Iranian city of Eslamabad Wednesday, killing 20 people and wounding 30, Tehran Radio said. The radio, monitored by Reuters, quoted its reporter in the the western province of Kermanshahan as saying that the city's areas were hlasted by French-made Mirage fighters. It was the most serious Iraqi air attack on an Iranian city in recent months. Kermanshahan province has been a focal point of Iraqi air and ground strikes since the Gulf war started 17 months age.

Begin's deputy 'leaked secrets'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - Israel's Labour Party Wednesday accused Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich of having deliberately leaked alleged plans for an attack into South Lebanon to prevent the operation from taking place. Labour parliamentary manager Moshe Shahal told a stunned Knesset (parliament) that Mr. Ehrlich informed journalists of the project and"...then bragged that by leaking the plan he had prevented it from being carried out." Mr. Ehrlich flatly denied the accusation and called it "a base slander." But Ronnie Milo, parliamentary manager of the Herut faction of the ruling Likud coalition, called for an inquiry and said that if the charge were correct Mr. Ehrlich must resign imm-

Yugoslavia asks conference to drop Polish issue

MADRID (A.P.) - Yngoslavia called Wednesday for the West to drop "the subject of the Polish cri-'sis' because the issue was threatening the European security conference. "The debate on one crisis should not in our opinion bring the Madrid meeting into a stalemate and put in doubt the future of the European security conference process itself," chief Yugoslav delegate Ignac Golob told the 35-nation conference. The Yugoslav approach appeared to be the first from the neutral and non-aligned conference members to try to save the 17-month-old stalemated meeting since it reconvened after a six-week Chr-

istmas recess on Feb. 9. Agha Shahi denies differences with Zia

ISLAMABAD (R) - Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi offered Wednesday to show jou-malists his medical reports to prove that his resignation, announced Tuesday, was genuinely on health grounds. He told a news conference here that foreign press reports that he had had differences with President Mohammad Zia Ul Hag were "out and nut tendentious and not well motivated." Mr. Shahi said he would hand over his post shortly to Mr. Sahibzada Yaqub Ali Khan, currently ambassador to France, after winding up what he called some

Sweden criticises U.S. policies in El Salvador

STOCKHOLM (R) — Swedish Foreign Minister Ola Ullsten said Wednesday it was short-sighted and unworthy of the United States to support the ruling government of El Salvador. Mr. Ullsten said the U.S. should use its influence to persuade the El Salvador government to initiate negotiations along the lines of a United Nations; General Assembly resolution calling on the parties in the El Salvador conflict to negotiate. Sweden was a co-sponsor of the resolution. Mr. Ullsten said he did not share the U.S. view that the to communist subversion from crisis in Central America was due outside.

Ethiopia attacks Eritrean guerrillas

KHARTOUM (R) - Ethiopia has launched a major offensive sday after massing 12 divisions in the strategic Red Sea province.

Arab World attacks Reagan declaration

By Khader Nassar

AMMAN — Jordanian and Palestinian officials and newspapers around the Arab World reacted sharply Wednesday to a dec-laration by the United States that it was determined to maintain Israel's military superiority in the Middle East.

President Reagan made the statement Tuesday after an uproar in Israel over indications from Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger that the United States might consider the sale of advanced missiles and aircraft to Jor-

Jordanian newspapers quoted Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem as saying: "When similar deals in the past were blocked by the American Congress and the Israeli lobby, Jordan contracted to buy weapons from others."

In Beirut, a spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said: "In spite of (Israeli Prime Minister Menachem) Begin's insistence on military sup- able to defend its skies."

eriority, the Palestinian people will continue its just struggle and resist occupation.

In Saudi Arabia, the newspaper Al Yom said it regretted Pre-sident's Reagan's declaration and commented: "The Zionist entity makes Washington's decisions, or at least puts them in their final

In the United Arab Emirates, the semi-official daily Al Ittibad said n was surprising President Reagan should respond so swiftly to Israel's request for assurances while we Arabs make hundreds of appeals to Reagan only to find deaf ears and closed doors."

In Syria newspapers reported Mr. Reagan's statement on their front pages hut made no editorial

The Lebanese paper Al Bayraq said: "U.S. experts know better than anyone than Jordan getting F-16 planes would not affect the military halance in favour of the Eastero (Arab) Front against Israel, but just make Jordan more

Arms to Jordan focus of Reagan-Arens talks

TEL AVIV (A.P.) - Israel's new ambassador to the United States, Moshe Arens, told Israel army radio Wednesday that he discussed Israel's concern over a possible U.S. sale to Jordan during his first meeting with President Ronald Reagan.

Mr. Arens, who presented his credentials to the president on Tuesday, told the radio, "the focus of our talks was not formalities," but dealt with issues of immediate concern to Israel.

Mr. Arens said that his first conversation with Mr. Reagan 'was all in all a good meeting."

A letter from President Reagan to Prime Minister Menachem Begin assuring Israel that the U.S. remains committed to maintaining Israel's military edge over the Arabs was greeted with caution

Israel army radio quoted sourees close to the premier as saying it was still too early to estimate what the Reagan administration was likely to do over the proposed sale, first mentioned by U.S. Secretary of Defence Caspar Weinberger during a recent visit to

The radio quoted government

CAIRO (A.P.) - President Hosni Mubarak returned to Egypt on

Wednesday after a visit to the Sultanate of Oman in what is seen as a

Sultan Oaboos Ibn Sa'id, was his first to an Arah country since he

Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali acknowledged that Oman was

Mr. Mubarak's 24-hour visit to Oman, where be held talks with

Mr. Mubarak made no comment to reporters on his return, but

'As you know, Oman supports the Camp David process, is a

Oman, Somalia and Sudan were the only Arab countries to mai-

Mr. Ali read a joint com..... que saying that Mr. Mubarak and

Sultan Qaboos discussed efforts by Egypt to continue the peace

process. The statement also said the talks concerned hilateral rel-

ntain relations with Egypt after Mr. Sadat made separate peace with

member of the Arab League and has relations with other Arab

"It can be a bridge, that is not excluded." Mr. Ali said.

step towards re-establishing links with other Arah countries.

took over from the late Anwar Sadat last October.

expected to "play a role" as a go-between.

ations and the situation of the Gulf countries.

sources as estimating that the United States would keep a low profile over the possible sale of F-16 fighter planes and mobile Hawk anti-aircraft missiles until after Israel completes its withdrawal from the Sinai April 25.

The conservative Ma'ariv daily said in an editorial that although Mr. Reagan had tried to ease tension with Israel over the sale by writing to Mr. Begin, "as long as the United States plans to capture the hearts of the Jordanians at the expense of Israel, there is no room for relaxation."

Ma'ariv said that Mr. Reagan's attempt to defuse Israeli concern over the potential sale was a familiar technique.

"Every change in the position of the United States that has raised deep concern in Israel has been accompanied by soft tones. And it always turned out afterwards that once Israel calmed down. Washington did what it had planned on from the beginning," the daily edi-

On Monday, the Israeli parliament passed by 88-3 a resolution expressing its "deep concern" over the potential U.S. sale.

AMMAN (J.T.) - His Majesty King Hussein conferred at Al Hummar Palace Wednesday with visiting U.S. Senator John Glenn.

The meeting was attended by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi, Court Minister Amer Khammash, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Information Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Ric-

Sen. Glenn, a Democrat from Ohio, is on a nine-state familiarisation tour of the Middle East

King confers with Sen. Glenn

He bad earlier met with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs and Acting Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim for an exchange of views of the Middle East issue.

The minister presented Jordan's views on the issue and the basic principles for achieving a just and comprehensive peace in the reg-

ion, the Jurdan News Agency, Petra said.

Adnan Abu Odeh, U.S. Ambassador Richard

Viets, Court Minister Amer Khammash and

Prime Minister Mudar Badran (Petra photo)

According to the agency, Mr. Ibrahim also talked about Israel's illegal practices in the occupied Arah territories and its establishment of settlements on confiscated Arab land. The meeting with Mr. Ibrahim, it said, was attended by Mr. Viets.

Sen. Glenn and his delegation arrived in Amman on Wednesday morning and are expected to leave

Birzeit closure sparks West Bank protests

(Agencies) — Arabs on the occ-upied West Bank demonstrated Wednesday against the twomanth closure of a Palestinian

Birzeit University near Ramallah was closed Tuesday by the Israeli military government which said university officials and siudents violated a previous undertaking to desist from anti-Israeli disturbances.

The decision to close the university for the second time in two months was taken after students blocked roads and stoned Israeli

In Wednesday's protests, youths in Ramallah, Al Bireh, Nahlus and the Kalandia refugee camp demonstrated an main roads and stoned passing Israeli vehicles, In Kalandia an Israeli military vehicle had all its windows smashed. Israeli security forces rushed to trouble spots and used tear gas to

disperse the demonstrators. In Ramallah and Al Bireh, shops remained closed after masked men threatened the owners with reprisals if they were opened,

Arab sources said. Meanwhile a general strike by Arah Druze residents on the recently-annexed Golan Heights entered its fourth day.

The strike was called in protest at the detention of four community leaders on charges of incitement against Israel. Shops and schools stayed closed

and only a few dozen workers

ainder of the 13,000-strong population staved home. Druze religious leaders have

called nn their people in strike until the four leaders are released and Israel rescinds its annexation of the heights last December. The area was first taken from Syria in the 1967 war.

Israeli Druze soldiers reopened two schools on the heights and were prepared to teach but no pupils turned up.

The four Druze leaders were detained without trial last Friday under emergency defence regulations after calling on the local population to boycott Israeli ser-

vices over the annexation move. Two Israeli soldiers in the military vehicle attacked in Kalandia refugee camp were wounded by flying glass and taken to hospital, military sources said.

At midday Israeli troops surrounded a teacher training college in Ramallah where the women students demonstrated in the yard and shouted anti-Israeli slogans.

In Battir village, near Bethlchem, children missed school to plant saplings on land the Israeli authorities confiscated earlier this week.

Students at Al Masri high school in Nablus burnt the principal's office on Tuesday night because with the new Israeli civil adm-

they suspected bim of cooperating inistration in the occupied West Bank, the military sources said.

Syrian army maintains siege on Hama

DAMASCUS (A.P.) — Small-scale fighting was reported in the lence which marked the earlier anon because of unrest in Hama. Muslim Brotherhood stronghold for the 16th consecutive day, acc-

ording to informed sources here. The Syrian sources, who decfined to be identified, said Syrian forces around Hama, 175 kilnmetres north of Damascus, were largely successful in their crackdown on the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood after 15 days of fierce shelling and street fighting.

The sources said the Syrian troops were now in the process of purging rebel fundamentalists. opposed to the ruling Baathist regime of President Hafez Al Assad from remaining hideouts in one Mubarak ends Oman visit

city of Hama Wednesday as Syrian days of the government cra- Reports broadcast by anti-Syrian troops maintained a siege of the ckdown had receded and was now Falangist radios claimed some Syrreduced to sporadic gunfire and limited hand-to-hand combat.

In London, former Algerian President Ahmad Ben Bella, chairman of the International Islamic Commission on Human Rights who helped form the watch-dog group after being released from 16 years in prison last year, appealed in a letter to the Syrian president for a halt to all repressive measures in Syria.

The Qatar newspaper Al Arab quoted Lebanese sources as saying the Syrian informed Lehanese leaders that the Assad goveroment had no plans to withdraw ian units had been withdrawn and sent to Hama because of the fig-

Some 22,000 Syrian soldiers have been in Lebanon since November 1976 and have a mandate from the Arab League to police a civil war armistice between rigbtists and leftists in Lebanon.

Diplomatic sources said the intensity of the fighting and shelling in Hama had reduced certain huildings in the city of 250,000 to rubble. Travellers spoke of a shortage of water, electricity, food and medication as Syrian troops

ringed the city allowing no one to leave or enter except in cases of emergency. Travellers from Hama reaching DOHA (R) — The emir of Qatar,

the capital said families and neighbours huddled in basement apariments for several days as the intensity of shelling curtailed all movement inside the city. They said Muslim Brotherhood fundamentalists had taken up positions in underground tunnels forcing government troops to resort to intensive shelling of suspected Muslim Brotherhood hideouts.

Kuwait, Qatar conclude talks

Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Hamad Al Thani, returned home Wednesday from a three-day visit to Kuwait during which the two Gulf states called for a joint Arab strategy to confront Israel. A joint communique said the emir had agreed with Kuwan's Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah "on the urgent need for a serious and swift action to consolidate Arab solidarity.

Irish poll in the balance

DUBLIN (R) - A television debate between Prime Minister Garret FitzGerald and apposition leader charles Haughey left Thursday's Irish general election very

much in the halance Wednesday. The republic's second general election in eight months takes place in an atmosphere of economic gloom and widespread disenchantment with the major pol-

One opinion poll conducted after Tuesday night's dehate showed honours fairly even as the two leading political figures sought last minute votes to tip the result of

what has from the outset shaped up as a close contest.

The poll by the Irish Independent newspaper favoured Mr. Haughey as the hetter debater hut indicated that Dr. FitzGerald had come across as mnre credible and strnnger in leadership qua-

It was hard to gauge what effect the television showdown might have nn the election because press reports suggested that nearly half the two million eligible voters had ignored it.

Dr. FitzGerald's government fell last mnnth trying to impose

tough hudget measures which he deemed necessary in save the natinn from going hankrupt.

The coalition between his Fine Gael party and the smaller Labour Party was defeated in parliament by just one vote. Mr. Haughey's hudget pro-

posals shift some nf the tax burden from individuals to companies. Mr. Haughey, who succeeded

Jack Lynch as prime minister in 1979 and was ousted at the last election, lags so far behind Dr. FitzGerald in personal popularity that he has dropped off the campaign trial in the past week.

Israel levies heavy taxes on Jerusalem merchants

AMMAN (Petra) - The Israeli customs authorities are launching a large-scale campaign in occupied Jerusalem to force Arah metchants and shopkeepers tn pay excessive taxes on their incomes. according to the Jerusalem-hased Arabic daily Al Quds.

The paper said the heavy taxes imposed nn Arab merchants and shopkeepers are sure tn affect the consumers. These taxes are transforming these merchants into slaves barely benefiting from their toil because they have to pay the bulk of their profits in the tax collectors, the paper said.

According to the paper, the business in Jerusalem is now suffering from stagnation, inflation and high prices, in addition to insecurity and instability. The paper attributed the stagnation and high cost of living to the Israeli policy of linking Israel's economy with that of the occupied Arah territories.

Rises in the price of fuel and basic commodities are making life miserable and unbearable for large sectors of the Arah population, while the Israelis themselves remain unaffected, since their government subsidises these rises for them. the paper added.

Weinberger's tour heralds shift in U.S. views of Mideast threats In the Omani capital of Muscat,

By George C. Wilson

countries." Mr. Ali said.

WASHINGTON — The Reagan. administration is redirecting its in the belief that internal subversion is more of a threat to friendly countries, and their oil, than Soviet attack, U.S. officials say. · Officials said this policy shift

underpinned a 10-day visit by Defence Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger to Saudi Arabia, Oman and Jordan which ended last week. In talks with Arab leaders, Mr. Weinberger was said to have gone

beyond decrying the Soviet threat

in listing seaports and airfields that the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force would like to use during an emergency. be done to keep moderate gov-

He also talked about what must ernments in the Gulf region fron. being toppled by Muslim extremists, some of them homegrown

Many problems

agenda was forced upon the Reagan administration by a series of military efforts in the Middle East. events during the past year, incthreat of the disintegration of the

> "All of this made a direct Soviet attack look like the least likely 'threat," said a Defence Deparment official in confirming that U.S. military efforts were being redirected in hopes of countering subversion of moderate governments in the Gulf, Middle East

and Africa. Although the Rapid Deployment Force will keep polishing

asked to help by supplying modern weapons to needy states in the

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Indian Ocean regions, the Arab leaders Mr. Weinberger conferred with were said to have stressed that the need was much more than hardware.

not just weapons, was needed. In this connection, Mr. Weinberger and officials of Saudi Arabia said in a press conference that they would continue to give economic assistance to countries in the Gulf to help keep it stable.

Defence nfficials said, Sultan Qaboos Ibn Sa'id discussed the threats posed to nations in the regions. One such threat to Oman itself, the Sultan reportedly told Mr. Weinberger, was South Yemen.

The Sultan reportedly said he would like to have more modern weapons, but did not submit a specific shopping list and instead focused on threats from radicals in his

extremist groups, King Hussein and his aides were said to have focused on Iran and to have said it would be in the U.S. interest to open up a dialogue with Iraq. Although Mr. Weinberger said publicly that the administration would not take sides in the Iranian-Iraqi war, he did not rule out dis-

that the Jordanians had emp-

basised that Bagbdad would welcome some kind of overture from Washington that would enable the two governments to open discussions, perbaps privately with no public announcement either before or after.

othered by the angry reaction of Israel to reports that the United States might be willing to sell Jordan anti-aircraft missiles and F-16

We need as many friends in the Middle East as we can get, not just Israel," he has said.

There was no suggestion during Mr. Weinberger's tour that he was going further than President Reagan desired in talking frankly and

It appeared that he succeeded in opening an intensive dialogue with Arab leaders as the administration sought to carry out its decisinn to redirect military efforts to conform to a new sense of priorities about the threats to Gulf Corsicans bomb Paris PARIS (A.P.) - Corsican nationalists early Wednesday claimed

they planted 19 bombs which exploded during the night in Paris and Versailles, causing minor damage but no injuries, and three other which failed in explode. The claim was made to the French news agency in the name

of the Corsican National Liberation Front (FLNC), a tiny clandestine organisation which is more radical than existing, legal autonomy movements. The FLNC demands the end of

'colonisation" of the island by mainland French. In attacks it claimed last Sunday

night in Corsica, one French foreign legion soldier was murdered and two other soldiers wounded. while 23 bombs were set off.

The organisation had declared a 'truce" after the election of Soctalist President François Mitterrand last May, awaiting socialist policy developments towards the island.

It called the new round of attacks did not break the truce but were a "warning" it was not happy with the policy as presented so far. The government is pushing through a measure of regional selfgovernment for Corsica which falls far short of the FLNC dem-

The FLNC has set several hun-

dred bombs in Corsica and mai-

nland France since it was created

in 1976, on occasions laving as many as 80 in Corsica and 20 in Paris in one night. Police said the bombs set on the night of Tuesday to Wednesday in the Paris region were of low power

and had apparently been timed carefully to avoid causing injuries -- a signature of the FLNC. All its past bombings have been set is this way and only one case of

a minor injury to a passer-by has been recorded. The killing of the legionnaire in Corsica represented a major new escalation of violence by the group,

and was disavowed by one branen of the movement in a communique issued on the island Wednesday. The targets for the latest round of bombs included outside nine

bank branches, telephone exchanges, a military building, post office and a shop. Damage was confined to broken windows.

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against Eritrean guerrillas m an attempt to flush out the rebels from their northern mountain stronghold, a guerrilla spokesman said Wednesday. The spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) said the Ethiopians, using helicopter gunships, fighter bombers and beavy artillery; launched the attack Tue-

and some sent in from outside. Defence officials said this new

luding the brief occupation of Chad by Libyan troops; the tripartite act signed by Libya, Southem Yemen and Ethiopia; the Somalia government; the assassination of President Anwar Sadat of Egypt by radicals within his own army, and the abortive coup attempt against the pro-Western government of Bahrain by Muslim extremists.

contingency plans for combating Soviet thrusts against Gulf oil fields, Pentagon leaders were said to be preparing to work even more intensively to shore up friendly governments in the Indian Ocean theatre with direct aid.

Although the United States was

They said economic assistance.

Gulf area. In talking about the threat from

cussions with Baghdad. Baghdad talks A U.S. official travelling with Mr. Weinberger broadly hinted Mr. Weinberger seemed unb-

openly with Arah leaders.

Hassan receives U.K. aide

By Samira Kawar Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Visiting British Minister for Trade Peter Rees met on Wednesday with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. The British minister's press secretary, Mr. David Woods, told the Jordan

Times that the minister had reccived from the Crown Prince a detailed briefing on Jordan's economic development.

Mr. Rees also met with Minister of Supply and Acting Minister of Industry and Trade Ibrahim Ayyoub, for discussions on Jordanian-British economic coo-

the context of Jordan's current five-year development plan. Dr. Odeh pointed out industrial sectors in which British industries could participate. Mr. Woods said. These included power generation. road transport, agricultural dev-SHERATON IS A WORLD elopment, process plant development, health care and the tra-OF SHOWPLACES ining of Jordanian manpower. Mr. Woods said that the training of Jordanian staff to run sop-

> cooperation. Mr. Rees's talks with Jordanian officials had been very "constructive," Mr. Woods added. On returning to Britain, the minister and his delegation of British businessmen will spread among national and private British industries the information they have gained during their visit to Jordan, with a view to promoting those industries' participation in Jordanian economic development.

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peration and trade relations, and

He also met Minister of Tra-

nsport Ali Suheimat and National

Planning Council (NPC) Pre-

sident Hanna Odeh, who gave him

a detailed account of Jordanian

industry and its activities within

ways to develop them.

Mr. Rees will leave for Baghdad on Friday, and will return on Monday, Feb. 21, for talks with Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour. He will also meet with the chief executives of the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company, the Arab Potash Company and the Jordan Electricity Aut-

King, Queen confer with Prime Minister

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Noor paid a visit to the Prime Ministry Wednesday and met with Prime Minister Mudar Badran. The meeting was attended by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawri. At the meeting, a number of national issues were reviewed. The King gave the prime minister his directives on the subjects discussed, and asked that they he followed

up without fail. Minister of Social Development In'am Al Mufti attended part of the meeting, during which the areas where Jordanian women can offer their services to society were discussed. These covered social, bumanitarian and developmental fields. Women's role in implanting noble values and high morale in the young generation was emp-

Alia to provide management for Sierra Leone Airways

AMMAN (J.T.) - Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, will provide management services for the national carriers of Sierra Leone and Liberia, has the airline announced.

Alia's board of directors, at a meeting on Feb. 3, discussed invitations by the two countries to provide the services. Alia expects soon to enter into a management contract with Sierra Leone Airways, which will entail the secondment of Alia staff.

Meanwhile, Alia announced that a new issue of Alia bonds, worth JD 6 million, will be floated during March 1982. The proceeds will be used to prepay the outstanding balances of earlier Eurodollar loans, in an effort to reduce the cost of interest and risks involved in foreign

Three financial institutions have already underwritten the amount, which will be offered to the public between march 1 and 31.

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UNEP aide, minister meet

AMMAN (Petra) — Cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment in environmental awareness, and in developing environmental values and manpower, was explored at a meeting here Wednesday by Mr. Na im Qaddah, adviser to the UNEP's executive director, and Minister of

Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Hassan Al Мотапі.

They discussed Jordan's participation in the UNEP's 10th anniversary celebration in May. On the anniversary the ministry will prepare national programmes and organise celebrations through the showing of documentaries on the Jordanian environment.

2 southern events set under King's patronage

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein will open on Thusday the first phase of the Aqaba water supply project at Al Disi region, nearly 75 kilometres east of Aqaba.

The project, started in 1978, is intended to supply Aqaba and nearby Quweira, as well as the Jordan Fertiliser Industry Company south of Aqaba, with water for drinking, irrigation and industrial purposes. The ID 12 million project is expected to produce 17.5 million eubic metres of water annually.

Later Thursday, King Hossein will attend a ceremony at Agaba to celebrate the arrival nf the cargo ship Mu'ta, which will form the nucleus of the commercial fleet of the Jordanian National Shipping Lines Company.

Yarmouk Force draws further acclaim, gifts

TAFILEH (Petra) - Tafileh District Wednesday expressed its support for His Majesty King Hussein's initiarive to form a volunteer force to help Iraq in the Gulf War against Iran.

Speakers at a rally in Tafileh, attended by representatives of all public sectors and organisations, praised King Hussein's stand and urged their countrymen to enlist in the all-volunteer Yarmouk Force. They also condemned the Iranian-Israeli collaboration directed against the Arab Nation. Among the speakers were District Governor Tal at Nawayseh, Tafileh Mayor Suleiman Al 'Uran and National Consultative Council members, as well as representatives of youth clubs and business concerns in Tafileh.

Participants in the rally issued a communique voicing their whole-hearted support for King Hussein, and pledging to place all their resources at the disposal of the Yarmouk Force. A follow-up committee was set up, to coordinate enlistment and the collection of contributions for the force. Contributions announced at the rally amounted to JD 18,000.

At Wadi Musa, a preliminary meeting of mayors, beads of village councils and representatives of bedouin tribes in the district decided that a public rally should be held at Wadi Musa on Feb. 25, to express support for the King's initiative.

Meanwhile, Jordanian citizens and organisations continued to offer contributions to the Yarmouk Force. Wednesday's main contributors included the Jordan-French Insurance Co., which offered JD 18,000; the family of Saleh Al Murasher, JD 12,000; Sheikh Mifleh Al Mukheimar and Sons, JD 5,000; The Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factory Co., JD 3,000; Nuqui and Sons Co., JD 1,500, and Al D'ijeh tribes, JD 2,000.

199 hotels operating at end of 1981--Tourism Ministry

AMMAN (Petra) — Figures published by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities indicate that 199 licensed hotels were operating in Jordan at the end of 1981, having 5,709 rooms and 11,479 beds.

The ministry bulletin also showed that establishments classified as tourist establishments had a capacity of 4,008 rooms with 7,671 beds, in addition to 22 resthouses and motels having 408 rooms with 806 beds.

Ministry officials said that 19 new botels are expected to be opened in 1982. They will have 1.334 rooms, with 2,649 beds. The officials said that unclassified hotels totalled 109, having 1,279 rooms and 2,988 beds, at the end of 1981,

on Tuesday that the tourism department at the ministry will in the next few days plant some 3.000 forest saplings in the Qatraneh and Ma'an areas, as part of the Arbor Day celebrations. The department organised a ceremony last Tuesday in Azraq to mark the occasion.

The ministry's Antiquities Department last year opened antiquities offices in Tafileh, Mafraq and the northern and southern Jordan Valley. These areas include a total of 600 antiquities sites.

The department has also expanded local antiquities inspectors' offices, and given them greater and powers, together with the equipment and apparatus needed for their work.

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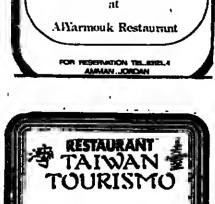
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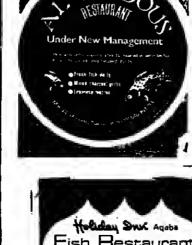
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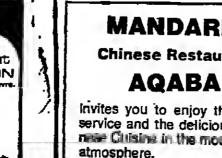












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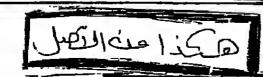




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"There is no doubt," said Mr.

O'Sullivan, that the progress made with the cooperation programme in the last two years,

demonstrates Jordan's ability to

absorb the aid available and to use

it wisely in developing its own

economy and its relationship with

the member states of the com-

munity. There is no reason why

even greater progress cannot be

made in the next two years, taking

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NATIONAL

New relationship between developed and developing countries

Jordan 'ably' absorbs EEC aid, uses it 'wisely' in development

By Dina Matar Special to the Jordan Times

A WIDE RANGING conperation agreement between Jordan and the Commission of the **European Economic Community** (EEC), has been in nperation since 1977. Although the nverall agreement is without time limit, certain aspects are renewed every five years. The general expression. of co-operation and general trade concessions which the community grants to Jordan for Jordanian exports, continue from year to year, but the section dealing with technical assistance and financial aid, is renewed in a five-year cycle.

In the period 1977-1981 an aid package totalling 40 million ECU (about \$50 million) has been implemented. The commission uses a currency unit called an European Currency Unit (ECU), the value of which is dependent on the weighted value of the currencies of EEC member states at any time. The initial aid agreement is now being reviewed with a further all-ocation of 63 million ECU to Jurdan, covering the next five years. Discussions will take place shorly with the National Planning Council (NPC) on the nature of the projects which will be supported under the coming programme.

According to EEC Delegate in Jordan Thomas O'Sullivan, the commission is anxious to promote a wide range of co-operation, entered into in a sense of partnership between institutions Jordanian and those of EEC member states. The actions, of course, are not only in the fields of trade and commerce, which are important to both parties, but also cover the fostering of deeper cultural relations and the development of links between institutions involved in education and technology.

The expressions of cooperation embodied in the agreements reflect a long-standing and deeprooted relationship which has been developed between Jordan and the European countries throughout the history of the Kin-

similar way, the commission has entered into agreements with the other Arab conntries of the Mediterranean region. These countries are the nearest neighbours of the community to the south and, of course, share the Mediterranean Basin with many member states. Each agreement reflects the long standing relationships with the community and its member states, which each country has, and are designed to foster a greater degree of interaction through the traditional

cultural and trade relationships. The agreement with Jordan expresses a sense of partnership and a recognition of mutual adv-

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elopment of closer relationships.

Within the general framework of the agreement, the community offers Jordan virtual free access to. the European market for products which originate in this country. This access provides an advantage for Jordanian products which will be the output of new industries starting up within the country at the present time. Provision is also included for making technical and trade information available to Jordanian enterprises to enable them to progress rapidly in the first years of industrialisation. Mr. O'Sullivan pointed out that

under the first aid cycle practically all available funds had been committed to projects in diverse sectors of the economy of Jordan. For instance, loans from the European Investment Bank had been mainly devoted to the industrial sector, enabling new enterprises to be funded. In particular, a loan had been made for the construction of the Sahab Industrial Estate which was now well advanced as a project. A line of credit had been made available to the Industrial Development Bank for onlending to small scale industrial enterprises and for tourism projects. A loan had also been given for extension of the electricity network in the Amman area, which would also be of benefit for industrial development. These loans had been made available at spe-, cially subsidised interest rates.

'Mr. O'Sullivan said that for

comparable universities in Eur-

luded for fostering links between reaching benefits, like the mv- covering the interests of both parthe university in Jordan and other estment and basic infrastructure and measures to open up new markets for Jordanian exports,

'This mutual interdependence forges a new relationship and gives each of the partners its own authority, not only in trade and commerce, but also in the general forum of world politics.'

In a similar way, Yarmouk University is benefiting under the EEC programme, said Mr. O'Sullivan. "We are providing 2.5 million ECU to the university in order that additional equipment, much needed by the Faculty of Science, can he provided. There is also an allowance for technical assistance to the faculty to assist it in its first years of development."

By making available funds for the development of relationships between Jordanian universities and their European counterparts, it is hoped that long standing inter-university relationships will result, which will be of benefit to both parties.

It is also quite important that the programme to develop technician and craftsman skills within the country should receive support from the programme, said Mr. O'Sullivan. Two secondary industrial schools for the Ministry

is, again, providing all the equ-

ipment required for these schools,

as well as assistance in the imp-

services within the country to ass-

ist new industries in setting up is a

major task of the Royal Science

Society. The commission has pro-

vided almost a million ECU to pay

for specialised equipment and to

provide technical services such as

experts and scholarship facilities

to enable Inrdanian students tn

attend special courses at various

levels in Europe, and at the pre-

sent time there are some 30 Jnr-

danians benefiting under this pro-

The development and the imp-

lementation of these projects has

practically all taken place since the EEC nffice was established in Jor-

dan in 1980. "It has been possible

to establish good working rel-

ationships with Jordanian ins-

titutions at an early stage and this

has enabled the rapid progress

which has taken place in the last

two years to be accomplished. It is

very heartening for the delegation

staff to work in an environment

where such progress can be made

and where every opportunity for improvement is willingly grasped by the Jordanian side. We really

look forward to seeing how quick

the nest phase of the aid pro-:

gramme progresses in 1982," Mr.!

He pointed out that because the

agreement is for an unlimited per-

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O'Sullivan said.

A special fund has been set up

for the society in its work.

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The development of technical

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were given great priority in the commission's considerations.

He added that the agreement is 'dynamic' in the sense that it is eapable of continuous improvement based nn the principles of interdependence, equality and joint management.

It is interesting to note that the cooperation agreement with Jordan is one of an extremely large number of agreements which are set within particular conventions tailor-made to snit the needs nf particular parts of the world. Such overall conventions set ont the principles of a new relationship between developed and developing countries. By far the largest such convention is the Lome Convention under which the community bas a particular relationship with African, Caribbean and Pacific countries. The present convention, Lome II, was signed last year and is an example of the way in which programmes of coo-peration with individual countries are set within an overall framework. Provision is made for the needs of each particular country by the development of a country programme. Provision also are made to cater for the state of development of each country, the structure of its economy and allowance for special or emergency situations. These relations are reflected in a contractual form which enables the countries to plan for the development process over a large number of years.

Special schemes have been envolved to take care of situations where countries economies are dependent on single commodities, such as coffe, cocoa and so on, where variations in the world market price would have a disastrous effect on the overall economy. Under this system, called STABEX, a fund is made available to cover loss of revenue in bad years, these funds being repaid subsequently in years where better market conditions exist. Such a scheme was unique in the relationship between developed and developing countries and is a practical demonstration of the wish of the community to establish a new and more equitable relationship with the countries which are now developing their own res-ources and facilities.

The community's concern with the development of Third World countries, stems from its committment to increase a sense of partnership. "These developing countries represent an important and lucrative market for the member states of the EEC, and in turn, the community's market is made accessible, and, therefore, becoming increasingly important to the developing countries," Mr.

O'Sullivan said. This mutual interdependence forges a new relationship and commerce, but also in the general forum of world politics.

Dialogue with the Arab World was initially established through the Euro-Arab Dialogue, which set out to develop an overall relationship between the Arab League countries and those of the European Community. The policies and programmes of the dialogue are at present again being reviewed to take into account the priority needs of each of the par-

The community had also begun a series of discussions with the Arab Gulf constrict, exploring

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most of this money had gone to the kshops, classrooms and general education areas, as well as tectraining. This covered a wide hnical assistance in the initial years of establishing the schools. These schools are to be built at The biggest single project being undertaken was the provision of Mafraq and Madaba. The Vocational Training Corporation has two centres planned for Amman and Zarqa and the community

6.68 million ECU which was allocated to the new Faculty of Engincering and Technology at the University of Jordan. Mr. O'Sullivan said that, taking into account the investment already made by the country in the buildings for the faculty and the provision of a comprehensive range of equipment and technical assistance, within a few years the faculty would be one of the best engineering schools in the Arab Warld. It is important that under the programme, provision is inc-

other projects money had made of Education are being provided available as an outright grant and with full equipment for worimportant sector of education and range of levels of education from trade training to university level.

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Syria	930.155	1,244,897
Jordan	23.125	686.959
North Yemen	6.631	339.736
Lybia	6,373.227	4,145.914
Sudan	166.124	473.242
Morocco	1,168.766	1,478.845
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Nicholas James as nephew Jonathan, and John Alford as Dr. Einstein, attack Fizz Waters as Mortimer.

Curtain rises on Players' first production of 1982

By Meg Abu Hamdan

AMMAN — After an arduous preparatory period leading up to a successful dress rehearsal Tuesday bans irrigation evening, the Amman Players hit the boards Wednesday with their production of the comedy/thriller Arsenic and Old Lace. Written by Joseph Kesselring, the AMMAN (J.T.) - The military play-despite its rather horrific governor has issued a defence central plot of murder and order aimed at preventing the culintrigue—is enormously funny, being as full of witticisms, double tivation of land watered with contaminated waste water, Al Ra'i entendres and neat one-liners as newspaper reported on Wed-

anyone could wish. It all revolves around two eld-Vietorian-era sisters--Martba and Abbey Brewster--who are respected members of and well-known figures in, their Brooklyn, New York community nn account of their untiring charitable works. Their rather incredulous brand of philanthropy, carried ont in all innocence, not only provides much of the play's burnour but reveals a streak of family madness that also affects two out of their three nephews. In one it manifests itself harmlessly as delusions of grandeur. In the other-Jonathan-it is slightly more menacing. After a long absence from home this psychopathic killer and his accnmplice, the sinister Dr. Einstein,

return and force their company on

But Jonathan's character analysis nf his mild-mannered aunts is rapidly proven wrong, when what he finds in their cellar shocks even this bardened criminal.

The play, like all the Amman Player's previous productions but one, is directed by the indefatigable theatre veteran Mrs. Kitty Ephgrave, who founded the group back in 1976. After the success of their first production in February 1978 of William Brown's Girl in the Freudian Slip, the group have gone un to perform at least two plays a year ever since,

The aim of this international group of theatre entbusiasts and amateur actors is to establish and encourage English-language theatre in Jordan, "with the added aim of giving the proceeds to a

local charity," said this year's stage manager, Miss Pat Pengilley. Arsenic and Old Lace will benefit the Pontifical Mission to Pal-

In a country where people are often moving on, the group's membership, except for a small nucleus, is never very stable. This year however their number was swollen by an influx of new mercbers, and this was nne of the reasons Arsenic and Old Lace was chosen to be the group's first production of 1982.

"The play has a large cast of 14," Mrs. Ephgrave said, "which includes a number of small parts. These provide ideal apportunities for the newcomers to act and gain

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Amazin'!

THE LETTER sent by United States President Ronald Reagan to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin two days ago is a document that should be included in the Great Hall of the Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum. It is, all in all, a rather astounding piece of work. Mr. Reagan assures Mr. Begin that the United States is "determined to see that Israel's qualitative technological edge is maintained," and later on in the same letter says that "Israel remains America's friend and ally. However, I believe it is in the interest of both our countries for the United States to enhance its influence with other states in the region." As the famous American baseball manager Casey Stengel would have said, if he were alive today.: Amazin'!

The underlying contradiction in the American desire to keep Israel as the strongest Asian power since Genghis Khan while also improving ties with Arab states is. in the end, incompatible, intellectually untenable and beyond the comprehension of those of us who have been, and would like to remain, friends and partners of the United States in our common quest for a life of peace, dignity and prosperity for all our people. But how can even we so-called "moderates" remain unoffended and unastounded in the face of such basic contradictions as have been so clearly spelled out in Mr. Reagan's letter to Mr. Begin?

If the American people are willing to be abused by this sort of nonsense, the people of Jordan and the Arab World are not. The problem at hand is not Jordan's arms or Israel's security. The problem is a woefully contradictory American policy in the Middle East that cannot limp along much further on its present false basis. If American policymakers do not understand this fact, Arab policymakers do.

RED & BLACK

To have a greasy dream

By Jawad Ahmad

When I cannot concentrate on the real problems I face in my daily life, I drift to the world of fantasy. So, I rested my head on the pillow to

dream. That night I turned on the radio to help send me to sleep and while dozing off I heard the announcer interrupt a nice song and state that be has just received the news that Jordan is now blessed with oil. A well has been discovered near the town of "Ahmar", and Jordan will be able to produce three million barrels a day.

Not waiting to check the authenticity of the news, I let my imagination run wild:

Jordan became a member of OPEC. The Jordanian Minister of Oil and Electricity takes his private plane to attend the ministerial OPEC meeting in Vienna. Despite minor differences, the conference agrees that the new price of oil should remain affixed at \$34/barrel.

using approximations. Thirty four multiplied by three million is equal to roughly \$100 million which is roughly JD 30 million which means about JD 11 hillion a year. This final figure constitutes Jordan's annual oil proceeds. However, I must substract from this figure Arab aid which will stop, and I must add \$500 million which are equal to Jordan's oil import bill, substract about JD one hillion in don-

ations granted by Jordan to

other Arab and Third

World countries. No matter

how we count, the net pro-

I began to count money

ceeds will not be less than JD 10 billion a year. The cabinet should meet tomorrow in order to review the annual hudget before it is submitted to the National Consultative Council. Morcover, the National Development Board should introduce major changes in the

current 5-year development

plan. To spend only JD 3.3

billion in four years would certainly sound ridiculous.

The minister of transportation suggests that we should cancel the Public Transportation Corporation. No one would want to take buses any more. The Minister of Supply says that the civil service consumer corporation would close very soon because nobody wants to buy from it anymore.

The director of Amman financial market has almost gone crazy at the rise in the prices of shares. The minister of Social Development proposes that there are certain families who earn less than JD 10,000 a year and they must be aided.

The Minister of Labour complains that nobody wants to remain a labourer. We have become a country of businessmen and thus we must import 0.5 million people from abroad.

Poor Alia people are not able to comply with the heavy demand for seats on the planes. The new airport is too small and we must build a new one.

Arab oil countries are seeking the help of Jordan to convince Jordanians working abroad to stay there. They have trebled their salaries and offered them citizenship but they insist on returning to Jordan.

The American Senate votes 60 to 40 in favour of selling Jordan advanced war machinery. The list of dignitaries from other countries wishing to visit Jordan is endless. Israel threatens to attack Jordan's oil fields, but the world at large stands in defiance.

I woke up to see that the radio was crackling. The kids are still asleep. The rain is pouring outside. So we have not struck oil but, thank God for the rain.

Arms not the question

By Tareq Masarweb

We are not annoyed by this Zionist campaign waged against a rumoured advanced U.S. weapon deal for our army because blackmail is a Zionist trait and capitulation to this blackmail is ordinary U.S. behaviour.

In principle we buy our own weapons. This is because the Arabs have made it possible for us not to seek foreign aid which made us suffer bitterly. We have explained to the Americans here and in Washington a number of facts on armament of which the following are but some:

1. We like to deal with Washington as an international source of weapons at current market prices:

2. When buying weapons from the United States, we do not consider ourselves as part of the U.S. strategy in the

We understand the dimensions of "friendship" with the United States and the influence of U.S.-Israeli relations on other relations between the United States and any other state in this region. We have the Egyptian example of this kind of "friendship". After seven years of Sadat's playing Washington's man, after three years of signing the Camp David agreements and after 10 years of separation from Moscow, the Egyptian army has not received more than 40 U.S. M-60 tanks and a single F-16 plane. This fact has been offered not by us but by U.S. newspapers. Washington wants to establish a balance of military strength between Israel and all the Arab states stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Arabian Guif. Washington also wants, at the same time, to mobilise the Arabs against the Soviet Union!

How? A thousand ways: some of which consist of selling the Arabs arms to be delivered seven years later, the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force, and most important of all, of course, is. the Arabs' kneeling to Zionist aggression.

And we return to the old-new story. Armament is not the Arabs' main problem because people who are determined to make a strong and respected future for themselves will find a way like the people of Vietnam who defeated the U.S. omnipotence itself. Weapons are not the problem. The arms that the Arabs possess now are capable of doing a great deal if they are mobilised in the conflict with Israel. Israel is strong because of our weakness and disunity. The United States enjoys such a great influence because of our subservience and impotence.

How can a nation rise when its citizens deal with each others as we do? Is there a nation in this world that accepts defeat as we do without going to war and then boast and brazenly say we are victorious heroes? Is there a people except us who slay their own with guns, tanks and planes and do not fight the enemy occupying their lands?

Arms are not the question. The question is the paralysed hand that must carry the

Enter the hawk

By Larry Thorson

The Associated Press

TEL AVIV - U.S. President

Ronald Reagan on Tuesday rec-

eived the credentials of a new Isr-

acli Ambassador, a hawk even by

the standards of Israeli Prime Min-

ister Menachem Begin. Blunt-talking Moshe Arens

voted against Israel's peace treaty

with Egypt. He is deeply worried

that Washington is undercutting

Israel's security by selling adv-

In Washington's view, Israeli

'surprises' are the problem. But,

says Arens, "I also have an acc-

ount to settle with the Americans"

over U.S. decisions to supply

radar surveillance planes and F-15

"All this was done without prior

consultations with us, while the

Americans knew this affects, inf-

luences and is likely to endanger

us." Arens said on Israel radio

during a heavy round of pre-

A former American citizen,

Arens knows the United States

well and hopes his knowledge will

help offset his lack of diplomatic

Beyond that, he sees adv-

antages in being "an ambassador

whose views are close to the prime

minister." Arens said he expects

to be "an effective channel of

communications without any dis-

Associated with right-wing pol-

itics since his youth, Arens was

elected to parliament in 1974 of

Begin's Likud slate. When Begin

won the 1977 election, Arens bec-

ame chairman of parliament's

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Europe alarmed by Reagan ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

By Sidney Weiland

U.S. scrapes and grovels to Israel

AL RA'I: The U.S. administration, including President Reagan, has hastened to reassure Israel that the United States has no intention of supplying Jordan with advanced weapons and that Washington is very careful to see that Israel is always the strongest in quality and quantity.

Washington wants to reassure Israel that traditional U.S. policies in the region will continue. This confirmation is the result of the Israeli fury which has accompanied news reports on the possibility that the United States might supply Jordan with mobile missdes and F-16 fighters.

Whether these U.S. statements constitute a retraction by the United States to negotiate such a deal and whether they have been made to deny what has been rumoured about such a deal, the result remains the same: Jordan will remain determined to secure the safety of its land and airspace by all possible means. It is needless to say that this commitment is a firm national and pan-Arab duty which rests solely on Jordan's decision. U.S.-Israeli relations will never influence Jordan's decision to carry out its sacred duties towards its land and airspace and those of the Arab Nation. The execution of these duties is an integral part of Jordan's sovereignty and national and pan-Arab commitment.

The Israeli military supremacy has always been behind Israel's bellicosity in the region and this means that tension and instability will continue to prevail. The U.S. commitment to keep up this Israeli supremacy must be met by an Arab commitment to build Arab strength by all possible means in order to effect a strategie balance capable of deterring the Israeli aggressors.

Is the U.S. really independent?

AL DUSTOUR: The United States has declared that it has not changed its policy towards Israel and that it has no plans to sell sophisticated weapons to Jordan. U.S. President Ronald Reagan has stressed his country's determination to defend Israel's security. He has also stressed that U.S. promises to Israel are a basic principle of the U.S. policy in the Middle East.

This response to the Israeli noise has been expected since the beginning. We have grown accustomed to see the United States step back a mile after every time it steps one inch towards the Arabs because of Zionist pressure and influence that controls the successive U.S. administrations. We have seen Washington abandoning the U.S.-Soviet declaration on the Middle East and former President Carter retracting his statement on a homeland for the Palestinians. We have seen a great many examples.

We are now witnessing a humiliating U.S. retraction in the face of the Israeli campaign and Menachem Begin's threats. Washington hastened to stress its commitment and determination to protect Israel's security pledging to keep its promise guaranteeing the quality and quantity of Israel's military supremacy. This issue has turned into a test of 'strength' between Washington and Tel Aviv because Jordan, as the U.S. Defence Secretary admitted, has not asked to buy U.S. weapons. Washington has flunked the test.

What has happened should teach the Arabs a lesson. The Arabs have to reassess their stand and their dealings with the United States in light of the result of the clasb between Washington and Tel Aviv. The United States is always ready to succumb to Israel at the expense of its own interests and even if it jeopardises world. peace and security.

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LONDON - Western Leaders have arranged to meet during five days in June to grapple with a long list of problems troubling the Uni-

ted States and its European allies. President Reagan will be making his first trip to Europe after 16 months in the White House, and several key players in Western diplomacy will be engaging in large-scale summitry for the first

"There will certainly be no shortage of problems to talk about." a senior official of the 15-nation NATO alliance says.

The Reagan presidency has been plagued hy what hoth U.S. and Furthern di lomats describe as a rising tide of "misperception" across the Atlantic - over America's nuclear strategy, Poland, arms negonations, trading rivalry and high U.S. interest rates.

West European officials report widespread satisfaction in allied. capitals that Mr. Reagan has decided to stay on in Europe for a NATO meeting after attending a Western economic summit at Versailles, near Paris.

The economic summit from June 4-6 is an annual fixture on the Western calendar and brings together top leaders from the West's seven most powerful industrial nations, the U.S., Britain, Canada, France, West Germany. Italy and Japan.

Unusually, six of the ernment chiefs - all except Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki - will move almost automatically into a full-scale NATO

summit. The only break between the two meetings will involve a one-day trip to Rome by Mr. Reagan to uscet Pope John Paul.

U.S. and European officials are reluctant to say who took the initiative in suggesting an infrequent NATO summit - likely to be held at alliance headquarters in Brussels - to take advantage of the president's stay in Europe.

All they will say is that all 15 NATO governments thought it was "extremely useful" to meet. By June, there may be 16 NATO nations if arrangements for Spanish entry are completed in time.

Diplomats believe much of the subject matter at both the eco-

nomic and NATO summits will merge, giving the leaders an unusually long period together to debate Atlantic concerns.

Although no clear agenda headings have emerged so far, the first NATO summit for four years' could involve a deep rethinking of alliance strategy and goals.

The White House says Mr. Reagan regards the two-day NATO meeting "as an opportunity for the North Atlantic Alliance to shape its response to this decade's challenges.

Mr. Reagan, French President Francois Mitterrand and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher will be attending a NATO summit for the first time, as will the prime ministers of Belgium, Greece, Italy and several other countries.

If any single issue sparked interest in calling the meeting. Western officials say it was probably the uneven and hesitant response of NATO's European members following the imposition of military rule in Poland nearly two

Although Western leaders hope martial law in Poland will have been lifted by June. they expect the Polish crisis and Western reaction to it will still be key issues for

discussion. Oficials believe Mr. Resign and West European leaders have much to gain from a thorough airing of problems that have caused almost constant strain in the alliance during the past year. Apart from Poland, they inc-

European concern over hardline U.S. attitudes to the Soviet

Unión. European worries over the U.S. commitment to arms control.

Widely varying assessments of the communist role in Central America. The Polish crisis touched raw

nerves on hoth sides of the Atlantic only a few months after a budding row over disarmament was side-stepped when Mr. Reagan agreed to open negotiations with Moscow on European-based nuclear missiles. sanctions.

The Reagan administration has failed in a year-long effort to get Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Mr. Mitterrand to back out of a multi-million-dollar pipeline project to carry Soviet gas to West

U.S. policy over El Salvador is

expected to be increasingly challenged. Some West European leaders fear U.S. military involvement in what they see potentially as "another Vietnam."

France has agreed to sell arms to the leftist government of Nicaragua despite Washington charges of Nicaragua's complicity in helping to ship communist arms to issurger to in El Salvador. Canada has criticised U.S. aid for El Salvador's ruling junta.

West European countries are cutting aid to Turkey - a NATO member - in protest against Ankara's military regime, while the U.S. plans increased support for the Turkish army.

Friction over trading practices has grown in recent months, with the U.S. accusing European suppliers of dumping steel on the American market and undexcutting U.S. farm exports. Both sides have threatened trade restrictions.

A senior official of the 10nation Europeas Economic Community said last week that the U.S. and the EEC were closer to a global trade conflict than at any time since World War II.

Western Europe and the U.S. remain divided over high U.S. intenest rates which Europeans say affect their economic growth.

This problem dominated the last Western economic summit in Ottawa last July, and is likely to provoke renewed European protests at this year's meeting. A U.S. spokesman said last week that Mr. Reagan had no plans to cut interest rates. Greece's Socialist Prime Min-

ister, Andreas Papandreou, has struck out on a staunchly independent course since he won power last October, threatening to break military ties with NATO and refusing to join NATO sanctions over Poland.

Mr. Mitterrand has questioned the continued validity of the 1945' Yalta agreement which laid the basis for the division of Europe into two blocs, and Mr. Schmidt has said East-West dialogue must go on despite U.S. insistence that the Polish crisis makes "business as usual" impossible.

Anti-nuclear protests have helped fuel a belief in the Reagan camp that neutralist and anti-American tendencies are growing in Europe, although this is denied

by European leaders. Reagan aides have dropped broad hints that resistance to U.S. policies could be exploited by isolationists who would like the 375,000 American troops in Wes-

election after what was widely seen as four years of foreign policy Vacation under President Carter, many are now worried that so much misunderstanding has dev-

sentiment in Western Europe." The newspaper said the Polish crisis highlighted what it called a deep weakness in the Western alliance, that "there is insufficient

Former U.S. Under-Secretary of State George Ball, writing in the Washington Post, said Europeans "ac longer trust American are "alarmed by the Reagan administration's compulsive flow of

tough talk."

He said Western Europe would support the U.S. "only if convinced that Americans know where they are going and that they are not heading toward war through overcommitment to a simplistic ideology."

tern Europe brought home. While West European officials generally welcomed Mr. Reagan's cloped in the past year.

The London Times said Mr. Reagan's trip to Europe was goodnews but questioned whether it would be enough "to reverse the dangerous tide of anti-American

trust in American leadership."

judgement and good sense" and

most important committee, the foreign affairs and security com-

He is a blunt advocate of a hard line in peace negotiations with the

Arabs. "My view and that of the Israeli government is that we cannot, make any concessions beyond what we've already made in the Camp David agreements," Areas recently told a group of foreign correspondents.

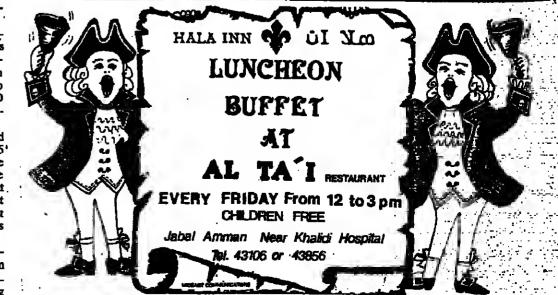
Here are some of his other views.

- On Israel's security and U.S. arms sales to the Arabs: "The United States and President Reagan had a commitment to maintain the quality edge of Israeli (military) equipment. But this quality edge is in the process of being crased and cannot be restored as long as the United States pursues a policy of selling its best

equipment to the Arabs. - On the anti-Soviet strategic cooperation agreement that collapsed after Israel annexed the Golan Heights: "When we get to that point that both Washington and Tel-Aviv feel that it is a good .. deal for both countries, then the agreement will be revived, and I

hope we get to that point." -- On a possible U.S. treaty guarantee of Israel's security: really to favour of that . It make create an optical illusion that Israel's security can and should be guaranteed by U.S. military forces... I think that we are dependent on ourselves."

- On whether he, as a former America, would have problems of loyalty in Washing "My loyalty is singular and it's inacli, and I think everybody understands that."



Egypt cuts oil price by \$1

CAIRO (R) — Egypt has reduced its oil price by one dollar a barrel because of the world glut, an oil official said Wednesday.

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The cut, the latest indication of the pressure on prices caused by persistent over-supply which has alarmed oil producers, lowers the price of a barrel of Egyptian light crude to \$33 and came into effect on February 1.

Egypt exports about 200,000 barrels a day (b/d) of its production of about 650,000 b/d, and sells its crude according to contracts

Asked bow the country will make up the loss in oil revenues because of the price cut, the official said: "the loss is not important, what is important is to market your production."

Iran, a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) unlike Egypt, has twice shaved one dollar from its contract prices this month, according to industry sources who say such unilateral reductions pose a threat to the OPEC price structure.

In the Rotterdam spot, non-

prices this week have led to Saudi Arabian light crude trading at \$30.50 a barrel. This is well below the Saudi rate of \$34, the benehmark on which the 13 members

of OPEC align contract prices. Market sources said that higher-quality North Sea crudes. which usually command a premium over Saudi light, also traded as low as \$30.50. Britain's official contract price for North Sea oil is

\$35, after a \$1.50 eut this month. Saudi Arabia has reduced its surcharge on crude oil liftings from Yanbu terminal on the Red

Sea coast by 10 U.S. cents from 60 cents a barrel, the authoritative Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) reported Wednesday. The cut, from February 1, red-

uced the official price of Arabian light crude at Yanbu from \$34.60 to \$34.50 a barrel, the Nicosiabased oil industry journal said. MEES said the price cut was

unlikely to give much encouragement to lifters of Arabian light crude from Yanbu, who have long been complaining that the extra cost of shipping crude from the Red Sea terminal was exc-

South Yemen to search for oil

BAHRAIN (R) - A Brazilian oil firm has signed an exploration contract with South Yemen, which has long sought to tap its underground mineral resources, according to an oil industry journal.

The Nicosia-based Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said in this week's issue that Braspetro, the international operations sub-'sidiary of the Brazilian state-owned oil firm Petrobras, will explore an area of 42,000 square kilometres.

Under the contract with the Yemen National Oil Company, Braspetro will drill six test sites in the concession area lying between the eastern governorates of Mahra and Hadhramaut, MEES said. It gave

Businessmen urge review of U.S.-Arab relations

KUWAIT (R) — Leading Arab businessmen called on their governments Wednesday to drastically review their relations with the United States and other powers supporting Israel in the Middle East conflict.

The council of the General Federation of Arab Chambers of Commerce, Agriculture and Industry, which made the call after a two-day meeting, did not recommend specific measures against the U.S.

But it orged individual Arabs to redirect their investments and business deals to unidentified friendly countries.

The council also accused Iran of being the aggressor in its 17-month-old war with Iraq and urged the Iranian government to respond positively to Iraqi offers of peace talks.

A boom year for French brokers

By Terry Dodsworth

PARIS - "French stockbrokers have had an excellent year. There is no better time for them than when the Left is in power."

ervation on the Paris Bourse may be difficult to square with a year which saw a devaluation, a dramatic share price collapse and the vicious struggle over the Socialist Government's nationalisation

But the comment illustrates the enormous amount of activity provoked on the stock exchange by the elections and the landslide Socialist victory last May. Brokers, paid on commission, were on the receiving end of a 23 per cent increase in dealings volume, with the value of transactions rising to FFr 150 billion (\$25 hillion) from FFr 122 billion in 1980.

The nationalisation issue lay at the centre of this frenetic activity. alternatively firing investors with hopes of quick returns and then dampening enthusiasm with fears of punitive compensation terms.

It was mainly foreigners, speculating on the re-election of Mr. Giscard d'Estaing, who held the market up by buying the dep-

This cynical analyst's obs- ressed "nationalisable" shares in the few weeks before the Presidential elections. Dealers reckon that it was these same foreigners. selling hard in the wake of Presideni Francois Mitterrand's victory, who sent the market into its sharpest post-war tumble last summer.

> The same shares took a further heavy knock after the announcement of the Government's nationalisation terms last September, provoking a 15-day suspension. But they have since come back yet again to yield some handsome profits to speculators who gambled correctly on the recent Constitutional Council judgement in favour of berier compensation

At the end of this roller-coaster ride, the Bourse ended last year with the CAC general index down by 17.6 per cent at 92.3. Dealers. pointing to the year's low of 77.3 reached last June, which took the index back to 1978 levels, reckon

capitalisation -- the global value of all quoted shares -- at FFr 224.6 billion.

Even more damaging, the general disarray in the equity market last year undoubtedly dealt a serious blow to the hopes that the last government had nourished of opening up the Bourse to more companies.

These plans to match the increased flow of funds generated in the late 1970s with an equal number of new florations, never really got off the ground. But last year was particularly poor. Only two significant introductions, including Geophysique, the oil exploration company which has quickly established itself as a vogue stock, were made. These will give only the mildest counterhalance to the imminent loss of the "nationalisables," reckoned to account for about 17 per cent of current equity values.

One of the most important questions now overhanging the Bourse is what, if anything, the govemment intends to do about this emasculation of the equity market. Nationalisation of virtually all the leading stocks is going to lead to a vastly different structure in it might have been worse. But the the French financial network.

year's trading still wiped more ancing will be done either through than 12 per cent off share values as domestic issues, international a whole, leaving Paris's market loans, or by direct government capital injections. This is not expected to impose unbearable strains on the bond market.

Under the influence of high interest rates, plus new devices such as index linked loans -- these accounted for 20 per cent of the French market last year -- the bondmarker more than held its own in 1981. The funds raised, at FFr 107 billion, were only slightly short of the FFr 111 billion achieved in 1980. Although rates had to be pushed up to 10.75 per cent by the government (against 17.5 per cent for private companies). the authorities managed to raise FFr 74 billion for Treasury and public sector corporations.

With the budget delicit rising sharply, dealers expect simitarly heavy demands on the bond market this year. But according to analysts, that should still leave spare capital searching for suitable investments on the Bourse. With the clamp-down on the gold market, the stagnation of property investment, and the limitations on overseas investments and bank deposits, there is liquidity to spare for equities. Already this year prices have begun to rise as more money chases the declining number of stocks,

In a recent paper on this question, Mr. Pierre Uri, a leading Socialist economist, said the maintenance of a healthily balanced mixed economy demanded an "unprecedented expansion" in share issues and in the stock market. A great need for equity capital existed in medium-size companies that were poorly adapted to make bond issues. In addition, the move of 17 per cent of the market's capitalisation into the State sector would open up space in the equity market for newcomers. How the government intends to respond to these arguments should become clearer in the Spring. when it is due to publish proposals for a reform of the savings system.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) - Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

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Canadian dollars West German marks Dutch guilders Swiss francs Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedisb crowns Norwegian crowns Danish crowns U.S. dollars

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — The market closed firm Wednesday though turnover in equities was fairly small, dealers said. At 1500 the F.T. index was up 5.6 at 562.8.

Rises were initially prompted by the resilience of New York markets Tuesday, and U.K. government bonds eventually ended with gains stretching to a full point at the longer end.

Banks were firm, with Barclays and Nat West up 7p and 5p respectively and gains among the other leaders stretched to 10p.

Golds were weak and North Americans also tended lower, Cadbury Schweppes, which said it had agreed to purchase a U.S. fruit juice company, was unchanged at 96-1/2p after an earlier loss of a penny. Wood Hall Trust, in which Elders IXL now has a 29.9 per cent stake, was steady at 213p, after 215p earlier. Bowater was firm on continuing speculative demand, ending

11p higher at 258p, after 260p. In electricals Plessey was up 2p at 370p while Ferranti was down 7p at 640p, dealers added. Gillet Brothers was a weak feature following results, dropping 30n to 150p. Other discount houses were easier in sympathy with Alexanders down 8p at 224p, dealers noted.

Islamic ministers conclude talks

ISLAMABAD (Agencies) — Industry ministers from 19 Islamic countries including Jordan on Wednesday unanimously adopted the "Islamabad Declaration" on rapid industrialisation in the Muslim World.

The 22-point declaration urged members states of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference to "encourage industrial products of the Islamic countries and to resort to the (Jeddahbased | Islamic Development Bank for financing industrial pro-

The declaration stressed that "the achievement of industrial cooperation among the Islamic countries fosters the cohesion of the Islamic Ummah and its ability to confront external challenges which threaten its security."

The four-day conference of the industry ministers formed a "working committee" to study the feasibility of joint industrial projects in the Islamic World.

The committee would also study the labour force and industrial capabilities of the member states, with particular stress on agriculture-related industries. shipbuilding, car manufacturing, chemical and petrochemical industries, electronics, textiles and telecommunications, The delegates said earlier that

the Muslim World has financial resources as well as manpower but it lacked high technology which it should acquire from elsewhere. They also stressed the need for collective efforts for the promotion of industrial canacity of the Muslim World in order to increase its share in the world trade

In his welcoming the President of the Moatmar Alame Islami said the Organisation of the Islamic Conference is growing in strength and action as is evident from the present Conference of the Islamic industries ministers.

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JORDAN TELEVISION FOR THURSDAY

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7:00	Programme Preview
7:10	Local Competition
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	Arabic Series
9:30	Documentary
	Arabic Play
11:00	News Summary

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Ipswich bounces back to form, stuns leaders Southampton

LONDON (A.P.) — Ipswicb Town, which roared back into championship contention with a 5-2 midweek victory over Southampton, Saturday faces a stern task away to resolute Leeds Uni-

lpswich, which has five games in hand over leader Southampton. recovered after a series of defeats that had seen it swamped by Liverpool and knocked out of both the FA Cup and the League Cup.

Alan Brazil, dropped 10 days earlier, was the man who boosted Ipswich's diminishing confidence. He rattled all five goals against Southampton, and without the aid of his injured strike partner Paul Mariner.

Ipswich manager Bobby Robson said: "He must be the best finisher in the country. He was

mesmerising."
Brazil, who is forging a new partnership with South African Mich d'Avray in Mariner's absence, will be looking to continue in the same vein against Leeds' uncompromising defenders at Elland

But while Southampton did not mark tightly at the hack, Leeds' hard man Kenny Burns is unlikely to make the same mistake.

Shell-sbocked Southampton, meanwhile, will have a chance to recover from Tuesday's mauling with a home first division match against out-of-form West Ham, a team which has recorded only two away victories this season.

Second-placed Manchester United and third-placed Arsenal meet at Old Trafford in the top match of the day.

Arsenal are in championship contention despite averaging less than a goal a game, and United captain Ray Wilkins will not be underestimating the London

"Arsenal are called 'boring' hut what they are really are is superbly organised," said Wilkins. "They are a team who are hard to break down and are always likely to kill you off with a breakaway goal." One player looking forward to the match is United striker Frank-

Stapleton, who was sold by Arsenal during the close season.

Liverpool, currently in superb form, should further boost its championship challenge by recording a home victory against hapless Coventry City. Coventry lost 1-5 at home to Notts County in midweek.

Of the other championship contenders, Swansea is away to Sunderland while Manchester City and Tottenham meet at White Hart Lane in a repeat of last season's FA Cup final.

Suoderland manager Alan Durban, worried about the lack of fight shown by his relegation threatened team, has called for extra effort, but the Roker Park team won't find it easy against a Swansea side stabilised by recent signing Ray Kennedy.

Tottenham manager Keith Burkinshaw has a pleasant problem. His seam is playing so well that he cannot find a place for Scottish international striker Steve Archibald, the cluh's top scorer

Sri Lanka's inaugural cricket test begins

COLOMBO (R) — Sri Lanka's fortunes fluctuated sharply in their inaugural cricket test and they were 183 for eight at the end of the opening day of the five-day match against England Wed-

Sri Lanka, granted test status by the International Cricket Con-ference (ICC) last July, recovered in style after a dismal start only to be rocked by a four-wicket hurst from left arm spinner Derek Und-

The country's President, Janius Jayawardene, and cricket officials from England and India marked the significant occasion by lighting a traditional coconut oil lamp.

Sri Lanka captain Bandula Warnapura used a special gold coin for the toss but after he won it the island slumped to 34 for four on an easy-paced pitch.

Arjuna Ranatunge, 18, inspired a recovery by hitting 54 and put on 99 for the fifth wicket with Ranjan Madugalle, who was top scorer with an unbeaten 64.

THE NEW LOOK OF QUALITY

Dispute arises over Taiwan flag, anthem

participation in the Women's World Softball Championship in Taipei in July when a Chinese sports official said here that the Taiwanese flag and national anthem would not be acceptable to

An official from the sports and physical cultural mission told reporters that the Taiwanese flag and anthem would be unacceptable. Sbe said that when China joined

the International Softhall Federation (ISF) last May, it was dec-

PEKING (R) — A new problem ided that the Taiwan Softball Assarose Wednesday over China's ociation would be renamed the ociation would be renamed the China Taipet Softball Association and that it would also change its flag and anthem.

Don Porter, American Secretary-General of the ISF, announced in Taipei Tuesday that the Chinese-Taipei Association would invite a Chinese team to compete in the championship, from July 2 to 11. Earlier there had been speculation that Taiwan might forfeit the event rather than invite a Chinese team to Taiwan for the first time since 1949.

Larry Holmes names alternatives to Cooney

LAS VEGAS (R) - Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight champion, says he may fight in the interim if his March 15 title bout against number one contender Gerry Cooney is.

Cooney has a sore shoulder muscle and the match seems likely to be put hack until May at the earliest.

Holmes said Tuesday he would be disappointed if the multi-

million-dollar fight was postponed.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN

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Once the 4-4 heart fit was uncovered, it became very difficult to reach three no trump-the best contract as the cards lie. As a matter of fact, four hearts was the contract at both tables of the Sweden-Israel match, and

the Swedish declarer went down one he lost two aces and two trump tricks.

Against the Israeli and tion. West led a low diamond East won the ace, cashed the ace of spades and reverted to the jack of diamonday Declarer won the king and. when a trump to the king fetched the ten from West, he suspected that it was a singleton. He had only a slight elue to guide him - East's inordinate hurry to cash the ace of spades suggested that he thought he was looking atenough tricks to defeat the contract, and those tricks could only be in trumps.

Declarer decided to base his play on the odds against chance that trumps were go-ing to divide 4-1. If the cards lay well, be would be able to nullify East's presumed trump holding. He cashed the queen of diamonds and three bigb clubs. Next came the king of spades, followed by a spade ruff. Now dummy's last cluh was led.

A surprised East found that he could make only one trump trick. He was down to the Q-J-5 of trumps. If he ruffed low, declarer would overruff and cash the acc of bearts. Ruffing high would be equally unavailing. East would be left on lead with Q-5 in trumps. That would force him to lead into dummy's K-9. tenace, again limiting him to one trump trick.

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FEATURES

Hollywood changes methods for 1980s

A difference for girls

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But United Artists, meinly a

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films, had the rights to many of the

James Bond films and such classics

as Casablanca, starring Humphrey

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the studio vaults.

By Ronald Clarke Reuters

LOS ANGELES — Hollywood, once considered the fading glamour girl of the entertainment industry, is being deluged with millions of big business dollars.

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The reason may rest more in television, which gave the cinema box office its biggest battering, than in the cinema, according to film industry analysts.

state the book of Studio officials are banking on the rapidly-growing pay television * 1 4 kg industry, which charges people to watch films on their home television sets, becoming a giant moneymaker.

They also regard video cassettes as a growing seller. "We still don't know whether the market lies in selling or renting cassettes, but one thing is certain - in five years' time there will be ebig demand for them," an executive of 20th Century-Fox studio said.

Some industry analysts estimate these two markets will bring in a billion dollars a year by 1985. Film trade unions are insisting their new labour contracts bave a clause guaranteeing their members e sbare of this revenue.

There has been a series of takeovers and reshuffles. The board of directors of Col-

umbia pictures has approved a takeover offer of \$750 million by the soft drink firm Coca-Cola. An oil millionaire, Marvin

Davis, who bad not had a day's film experience, paid \$800 million last June for 20th Century-Fox. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer bought another major studio, United Art-

ists, last July for \$380 million.

Avco Embassy pictures, one of the smaller studios, was sold to television producer Normen Lear and financier Jerry Perenchio this month for \$25 million.

Most people in these studios have welcomed the takeover as a new source of money for their organisations. The cheirman of Coca-Cola, Roberto Goizueta, said entertainment was an exc-

ellent area for profitable growth. It is early days, but so far there have been no public compleints of big business tactics curtailing art-

istic freedom. Columbia, one of the most profitable studios, has a library of 3,000 films and 10,000 television programmes and these could be a big profit-maker in pay television and cassettes.

Columbia, whose blockbuster hit. Close Encounters of the Third Kind enabled the studio to record a record annual profit of \$69 million in September 1978, has had a number of recent box office successes. They include Kramer vs. Kramer, starring Dustin Hoffman, Stir Crazy and Stripes.

Although a film producer can make a fortune if he chooses the right subject et the right time for a film, he can just as easily lose a

Metro-Goldwyn Mayer, whose stock in trade used to be big musicals, bought United Artists after United was saddled with one of Hollywood's biggest financial flops, the \$40-million Heaven's

Gate. Once touted as the Gone with the Wind of Westerns, the film, starring Kris Kristofferson, was savaged by the film critics, reedited and brought back for a sec-

Opportunity Commission" rec- designed to determine what girls ntly determined that insufficient are capable of achieving in the tecexperience with technical toys is hnical sector, provided they are the reason why girls do worse in given a chance to acquaint themathematics and technical sub- mselves with these things at an jects. The British have thus dem- early age. anded that girls be brought into The study showed that girls did contact with technology at a pre- about 10 per cent better than boys

television and cassettes.

Mr. Davis, who has an obsession for privacy which has earned him the nickneme the new Howard Hughes, has revealed an extra reason for buying 20th Century-Fox -- its 63 acres [25] hectares) of expensive studio space in the centre of Los Angeles.

He said in a newspaper inierview he intends to move the film and television stages to a new centre in about two years.

The \$450,000-e-year chief executive. Dennis Stanfill, departed three weeks after Mr. Davis bought the studio. Mr. Davis also named two old friends, former president Gerald Ford and former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger, to the board.

But a 35-year-old former actress, Sherry Lansing, is still film chief and studio officials said the production schedule has not been changed.

A 20th Century-Fox executive. Michael Nolan, said he had been involved in a film which was made in Australia where there were tax incentives. The studio was interested in laying off risk he said A film analyst said an attraction of the film industry, unlike in the

case of a car maker, was that a studio could decide with a wide range how much it would spend on

"You can pay a star three million dollars for making a film or you can go without the star and concentrate on special effects, which will cost you half a million dollars," the analyst said.

Some of the biggest monevmakers of last year, including Superman II and Raiders of the Lost Ark, relied mainly on effects. Paramount Studio, which distributed Raiders, said the film had already teken in more than \$170

million dollars at the box office. Variety, which reports on the entertainment industry, said the number of tickets sold at U.S. cinema box offices each year has remained in the billion range for the past 20 years -- after the inhial impact of television.

YOUR DAILY from the Carroll Righter institute

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 18, 1982

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early morning is the best time of the day to make long-range plane for the future. Make sure you are in control of your emotions so that you don't become involved in arguments.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You have to exercise more care in business deals now to avoid possible trouble. Take steps to improve your health.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Put your ideas to work that could prove profitable at this time. Take treatments that will make you healthier.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Good day to put your house in order, even if it means more effort and extra work on your part. Bny appliances you need.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Use more care in travel to avoid possible accident. Be diplomatic in handling a civic affair,

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21] Make changes in your budget so that you have less expense. Study practical ways to improve conditions in your environment.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Study your appearance well and know where to make improvements. Use your good judgment instead of relying on othera.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 221 Concentrate on private matters that need your attention at this time. Make the evening a happy one. Be wise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21] Think about doing more for your true friends instead of expecting more from them now. Show others that you have wisdom. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have to be

very careful you do nothing to injure your reputation since adverse aspects are in effect now. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Plan time for obtain-

ing facts and figures for a new project you have in mind or you could lose out before you start. AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be more businesslike

in handling finances and aafeguard your interests. Strive for more harmony at home. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) It may be necessary to

have long discussions with associates if you wish to work more harmoniously in the future. IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will

be one of those delightful young persons who be thinking of ways to have a secure future, so direct education along practical lines for best results. Be sure to give early training in religion.

"The Stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 19, 1982 GENERAL TENDENCIES: A day to delve into social interests that can inspire you to make improvements in your life. Let good friends know your trus aims. Make

practical plans for the future. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Gat in touch with trusted allies and gain their aid for a plan you have in mind. Strive for happiness in the days shead.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20] Study new operational methods at work and gain greater benefits in the future. State your goals to influential persons. GEMINI (May 21 to June 21] A good day for expansion

where your regular interests are concerned, so take initial steps early in the day. MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Fine day for taking care of personal responsibilities. Follow your intui-

tion which is accurate at this time. LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21] Come to a better accord with associates and make changes that can yield better results.

Avoid one who is not trustworthy. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good day to expand where business interests are concerned. Don't neglect to

handle accumulated duties.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Do something that will show to loved one that you are truely devoted. Take no chances where your credit is concerned. SCORP10 (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Discuss with family

members ways to improve conditions at home. A new outlet can bring more success in the future. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21] Contact a person

who understands a problem you have and will help you clear it up. Be more active. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Think along more modern lines where finances are concerned and get better

results. Make the evening a happy one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Plan the future wisely so you can get what you truly want out of life. Go to the right sources for the data you need.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20] Take time out from regular routines and figure out a better way to gain your aims. Spend more time with the one you love.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY . . . he or she will be one who wants to learn a great deal, but should be taught early in life to schedule activities well to gain the most benefits. Give the finest education you can afford and success is assured.

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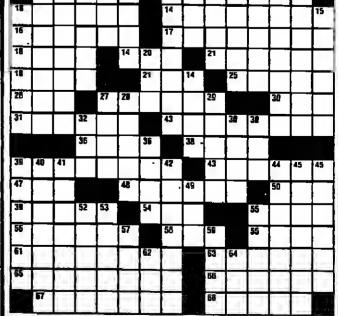
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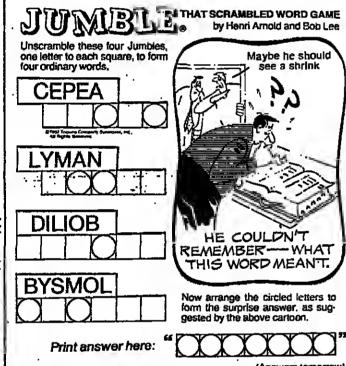
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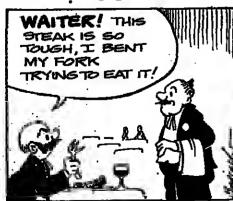








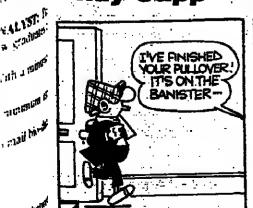
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Warsaw arrests 3,500 for martial law violations

WARSAW (R) — Polish security forces arrested 3,500 people during the past 48 hours in nationwide raids to check on compliance with martial law. Polish Radio said Wednesday.

The radio, monitored in Vienna, said nearly 145,000 people were found to have infringed mar-

tial law regulations.
Polish officials at the European security conference in Madrid last week said their most recent figures showed some 4,000 people were.

then detained. The Polish government had initially indicated that up to 5,500 people were held following the Dec. 13 imposition of martial law.

In its broadcast Wednesday, Polish Radio said thousands of militia forces and voluntary reserves had checked some 51,000 enterprises and factories as well as 30.000 cars during the past two

The radio said 99.000 people were asked to present their identity cards and given a warning, while another 29,000 were "reminded of their duties."

Some 7.000 people were given fines totalling 2.3 million zlotys (about \$30,000) and 4,000 were

MADRID (R) - Government

officials Wednesday said Basque

separatists had killed two eivil

Guards in an attempt to des-

tabilise Spain just before the trial

of 32 officers charged with inv-

olvement in an abortive military

The two paramilitary guards

were shot dead within hours of

each other Tuesday night, in the

Basque region of north Spain.

Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo

Sotelo and Interior Minister Juan

Jose Roson attended their funeral

No-one has claimed res-

ponsibility for the killings, but pol-

ice said in a statement that the

hardline Military wing of the sep-

aratist group ETA (ETA-M) was

in San Sebastian Wednesday.

coup a year ago.

referred to "misdemeanour cou-

Police also cheeked 3,500 known criminal baunts, the radio said, adding that the raids were also aimed against disturbers of general public security.

The radio said the martial law regulations most frequently violated are those covering the cur-

"More than 52,000 curfew breakers have been indicted so far all over the country," the radio said.

"Magistrates courts dealing with misdemeanours of this kind under summary procedures hand down fines of between 1,500 and

Union leaders to be tried, Walesa to be freed

WARSAW (A.P.) — Two Solidarity labour leaders at a steel mill will appear before a military court Tuesday in Krakow on chages of organising and leading strikes after martial law was declared, Radio Warsaw reported Wednesday.

An indictment from the Krakow regional military prosecutor's office said the men-Mieczyslaw Gil and Edward Nowak - organised a regional strike committee

The Basque regional gov-

ernment denounced the murders

as "a shameless act... by those who

clearly want to sink the dem-

ocratic process in its most delicate

On Friday 32 military

officers--mostly Civil

Guards--and one civilian go on

trial accused of taking part in the

rightist coup attempt last Feb. 23.

One reason frequently cited for

the coup bid was anger among the

military over uncontrolled sep-

Spanish authorities, who fear a

new terror campaign by ETA-M

during the trial, are also faced with

the possibility of violence from

ETA's more moderate

Political-Military wing (ETA-

aratist violence.

5,000 zlotys (about \$20 and \$60) or one month's imprisonment."

The official news agency PAP said last Monday that investigations against 2,727 people had been started under summary procedure since Dec. 13.

Of these, 964 cases involved direct violations of martial law. such as organising strikes, and the others common criminal offences, PAP said.

More than 4,000 people, mainly leaders of the suspended Solidarity free trade union and dissident backers of the movement, are known to be already detained in internment camps but have not been charged.

in the sprawling steel town of Nowa Huta, outside Krakow, and persuaded a few hundred students to stage strikes at the mining and metallurgy academy, the radio

On Dec. 14, a day after martial law was declared, workers in Nowa Huta and scattered areas in Poland, staged a general strike to show opposition to the new unil-

PM) which declared a truce just

urning to armed struggle.

said the report should be taken

with some seriousness. An interior

ministry spokesman said

ETA-PM had been holding mee-

tings over the past weeks on wbe-

ther to take up arms again, but he

did not know whether a decision

Police have stepped up their

presence throughout the Basque

region for the start of the trial and

Wednesday announced the arrest

of nine suspected members of

after the failed coup.

had been taken.

ETA-M in Bilbao.

Spanish police report ETA on warpath

The San Sebastian newspaper El Diario Vasco reported Wednesday that a weekend meeting of ETA-PM voted in favour of ret-Well-informed Basque sources

1972 coup. the Pope, in a black convertible limousine, led the motorcade from the airport to Cotonou's soccer

At the stadium the all-ticket crowd into applause as the Pope, wearing a gold-rimmed red straw hat, made bis way to the wooden altar beneath a green canopy in



Beninois welcome pontiff ·

COTONOU. Benin (R) — Pope John Paul II arrived in Cotonou Wednesday to an ecstatic welcome from Benin's Roman Catholic minority and a stern revolutionary lecture from President

Mathieu Kerekou.

Thousands of singing and dancing church supporters were allowed through tight security on to the runway as the papal plane from Lagos landed.

Silence then fell as President Kerekou, wearing traditional costume, launched into a 25minute political speech with the Pope standing patiently beside

Long live His Holiness Pope John Paul... ready for the revolution, the struggle continues," concluded the president, using one of the slogans coined by Benin's Marxist-Leninist government which came to power in a

Tens of thousands of smiling, cheering people lined the route as

kilometres north of Maputo, the

Salisbury police search for evidence of coup plot

SALISBURY (A.P.) - Zimbabwe soldiers and police were under orders on Wednesday to continue detentions of Joshua Nkomo's minority Zapu Party and search offices and homes of its officials for evidence of an alleged coup, security sources said.

An undisclosed number of officials and supporters of the Zim-. habwe African Peoples' Union (ZAPU) have been detained under emergency powers regulations since more than 30 massive caches of arms were unearthed on ZAPU officials' properties early this month.

Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has accused Mr. Nkomo, his junior coalition government partner, of implication in a plot to stage a coup in the former British colony. Mr. Nkomo has denied kno-

wledge of the arms or a coup plot and has counter-claimed the weapons, sufficient to equip a 5,000-man brigade, were planted to discredit himself and his party. In an interview Tuesday night

Mr. Nkomo accused Mr. Mugabe of | manoeuvring to force him to quit the leadership of ZAPU, thus weakening the party.

In the 100-member executive national assembly Mr. Mugabe holds 57 seats, Mr. Nkomo 20 and, former Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa three while the last white leader, Ian Smith, bas all 20 white reserved sears.

Mr. Nkomo met with Mr. Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF) ministers hours after Interior Minister Richard Hove announced that 11 companies owning farms, hotels and other businesses had been outlawed by presidential decree for alleged links to the hoa-rding of arms. Mr. Nkomo headed the boards of five of the companies while ZAPU cabinet ministers and other party officials sat on the boards of the others.

Police and soldiers were since tasked with investigating the activities of at least 44 other companies owned by Mr. Nkomo and other ZAPU officials, security sources who would not be named in compliance with government regulations told the Associated Press Wednesday.

Mr. Nkomo was backed mainly by Moscow and Mr. Mugabe chiefly by China.

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ortant railway out of work," Mr.

Fernandes stated after pointing to

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"We want to keep this imp-

Mozambican rebels claim holding key railway depot

LISBON (A.P.) - Rebel guerrillas fighting Mozambique's marxist government Wednesday claimed they held a key railway depot linking Zimbabwe to the port of Maputo in a direct challenge to last week's military agreement signed by the former Portuguese colony and Tanzania.

Evo Fernandes, Lisbon spokesman for the Mozambican National Resistance (RNM), told the Associated Press rebel forces overpowered a combined Mozambican and Tanzanian force guarding the depot at Mabalane last Sunday and withdrew a day later The town is located some 250

lines to landlocked Zimbabwe. The rebels have effectively shut down the run since an attack on

Limpopo River.

the town of Comombane, 70 kilometres northwest of Mabalane Dec. 17, he said. Mr. Fernandes played down the agreement signed last week by Mozambican President Samora

Machel and his Tanzanian cou-

nterpart Julius Nyerere for aid

from Dar-es-Salam to Maputo.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Saudi newspaper assails PLO official

RIYADH (A.P.) — Saudi newspapers blasted Wednesday the number two man in the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). Salah Khalaf, for recent statements critical of Saudi Middle East policy. "If we adopt the suspect logic of Abu Ayad (Mr. Khalaf). then PLO acquisition of Soviet weapons means the PLO is a Soviet agent, and (PLO Chairman) Yasser Arafat's call for a dialogue with President Reagan means the PLO wants to become an American agent," said the government-guided newspaper Okaz. "We never expected that a person at Mr. Khalaf's responsibility would plummet to this pit of thinking a which sows." seeds of dissent and works against the interests of the Arab and Palestinian people," the paper said.

N. Yemenis to fight for Palestine

BEIRUT (R) - North Yemen is encouraging its nationals to join Palestinian commando groups in Lebanon, North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh was quoted as saying Wednesday. President Saleh said in an interview with the Beirut magazine Al Jambour that a delegation from Sansa visited Lebanon recently to make arrangements for the transfer of such volunteers. "In the face of Israeli intransigence and repeated Zionist aggression against the Arab Nation, it has become crucial that able members of the Arab Nation should join the battle of destiny," he said.

Wazzan to visit 5 Arab states next week

BEIRUT (R) - Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Al Wazzan plans to visit five Arab states in the Gulf next week, official sources said Wednesday. Mr. Wazzan will start his tour in Saudi Arabia on Sunday and then gn on to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Qatar, returning to Beirut on Friday, the sources said. The independent Lebanese newspaper An Nahar said Mr. Wazzan would discuss financial aid to Lebanon, fears of an Israeli attack in the south and the prospects for an Arab League committee working to reconcile Lebanon's warring factions.

Syria brings down territorial claim

DAMASCUS (R) - Syria, which last year said it was extending its territorial waters from 12 to 35 miles, said Wednesday it would abide by any international limit laid down by the United Nations. The 35-mile limit was proclaimed last August shortly after Ametican warplanes shot down two Libyan fighters, which the U.S. said opened fire in the Gulf of Sirte off the Libyan coast, where an American naval exercise was under way.

Australian forces to start for Sinai CANBERRA (R) - An Australian supply ship will leave for the

Middle East Thursday with eight helicopters and support equipment for the Sinai peacekeeping force, Foreign Minister Tony Street said Wednesday. He told parliament that Australia was expected to contribute about 120 air crew, support personnel and military police to the force, although full agreement on its participation still had to be completed.

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Israeli uproar 'preemptive', Weinberger says...

the U.S. is offering sophisticated Hawk missiles to Jordan is "a little preemptive" action, a senior administration official said here Tue-

Secretary of State Caspar Weinberger, in an interview on NBC Television's Today show, also said that the sale of Hawk missiles to Jordan is "a long way down the road," and "adding strength to other countries (than Israel) in the Mideast can really only serve the best interests of all the countries in the Mideast." Following are excerpts from the

interview:

Question: As we reported earlier, the Israeli parliament vesterday voted to oppose a U.S. arms sale to Jordan. And Prime Minister Begin said that it would violate President Reagan's pledge to maintain Israel's military superiority in the region. What's your reaction? Mr. Weinberger: Well, I think

that's a little preemptive action, perhaps, because there's no pending sale to Jordan. There have been discussions of things that I had with them as to what their military needs were, which, of course. is one of the statutory res-

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discussions, they mentioned the fact that to be effective, antiaircraft defence, such as the Hawk missile, needs to be mobile, which is, of course, an accepted and standard fact. It is also, by definition, by nature, by name, a defensive weapon. So we had discussions of

They have no request pending. If a request comes in, it would be considered by the president and the security council. It would then, if favourably approved - would have to go to the Congress. So talk of arms sale to Jordan,

dan about it, is, I think, really quite premature. Q: Do you believe, though, that the sale of anti-aircraft missiles and of F-16 fighters would, in

because we had discussions in Jor-

some sense, jeopardise Israel's military superiority in the regions. A: No, I think Israel's margin of superiority is very great, and the president, the administration are pledged to maintain that margin of superiority. I do think that there is quite a difference between an anti-aircraft missile and a fighter plane. But I don't think there's any suggestion that there would be

anything other than careful con-

sideration given, including the

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — ponsibilities of the post I have The Israeli reaction to reports that now. And in the course of those and of the pledge that the administration has always had to maintain that strategic superiority, strategic edge that they have. What is important, however, is that the United States bave more

... as media criticise Washington's global policy

than one friend in the Mideast. And adding strength to other countries in the Mideast can really only serve the best interests of all the countries in the Mideast, specifically including Jordan, and certainly including ourselves, by the means of protecting the Mideast against incursions by the Soviets.

or other threats... Q: Does Mr. Reagan share your view about the need to beef up Jordan's air defence?

A: I think Mr. Reagan, President Reagan, is going to have to, and certainly is fully capable of speaking for himself on all of these issues. I have not expressed any administration opinion, or anything of the kind. All I've done is, in discussions with the Jordanians, learned that they feel they need additional anti-aircraft defensive strength. And if they should make a request for that, that is making the Hawk that we sold them earlier more mobile and more useful, and thus preclude the necessity of their getting Soviet equipment,

then we would certainly want to

But that's a long way down the

Toad. Q: You talk about the Israeli

reaction as if it's an overreaction. But let me ask you about a number of statements that came out of your trip to the Middle East, most of them attributed to a senior off-. icial, who most people, at least in this town, think was you.

A: And many of them very inaccurate, I have to say. Q: Well, let me ask you about

them... A: All right.

Q: And I'll read you some of the quotes. That the administration has given up trying to deal with Begin and is getting rough with

A: Absolutely wrong. All that was ever said on the trip was that it was important that the United States have many friends in the Mideast, more than one friend; that we not be perceived as having a willingness to have only one friend; and that it was important to us, it was important to the Mideast and to Israel for the U.S. to add to the strength of a number of countries in that region so that they would be able to resist incursions by the Soviets.

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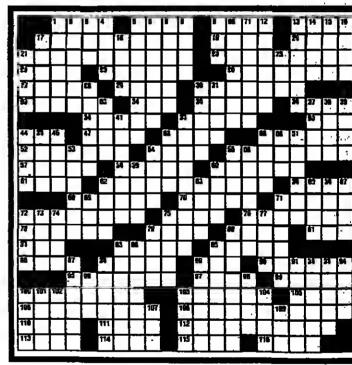
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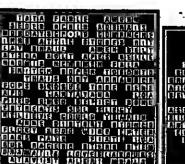
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The following are extracts from editorials in the New York Times and The Times (of London) Wednesday on the Reagan administration and the Middle East:

New York Times: 'What goes on here?'

"In Saudi Arabia, humiliation. In Jordan, mystification. In Israel, indignation. Thus ends another of Defence Secretary Weinberger's

good-will missions to the Middle East. "Having poured his president's blood and sweat into the AWACS sale, Mr. Weinberger was bluntly told by the Saudis ... he was just an arms salesman ...

"On to Jordan ... Mr. Weinberger offered every modern jet and missile in his order book, omitting any political price and insisting that Israel's objections would be no obstacle. "Wonder of wonders, Israel exploded, declaring itself threatened and betrayed. And that evoked a lame clarification of Mr. Wei-

nberger's remarks ... and a soothing new promise from Mr. Reagan that Israel's superiority would never be compromised. "What goes on here? "The eleverest interpretation is that the Reagan team seeks bases and commerce by heavily tilting American policy toward the Arabs -and is softening up the Israelis with a diplomatic version of good cop, bad cop.' ... but in fact, every new round hardens even moderate. Israelis and reduces American influence. The game is bound to

provoke grave crisis or even war... "Another explanation is no policy. Period ... so Mr. Haig manocuvres to avoid war, Mr. Wemberger goes hellbent for military bases and sales and Mr. Reagan cleans up the political fallout ...

"That leaves one possibility: That the Reagan team believes its own propaganda about a strategic consensus. The theory it brought to office ... was that Israel and moderate Arabs live in such terror of Soviet aggression or subversion that they will soon abandon their enmity and take America as their joint protector. But the Arabs and Israelis scoff at the idea, they seek help mainly against each other.

"Pretending otherwise may be a way to justify avoiding some painful choices about the West Bank, Jerusalem, Camp David and the P.L.O. It's hard to believe that such wishful thinking persists. But if it doesn't, why does the restless Mr. Weinberger think he has a magic carpet?"

The Times: 'Put horse before cart'

"The proposed sale ... seems likely to become the object of another major political battle in the United States similar to the one over the AWACS sale to Saudi Arabia last year.

"Certainly the president (Ronald Reagan) will need once again to throw his personal authority into the scale if the deal is to go through. "Mr. Reagan might well win this battle as he won the last, but his domestic political position is no longer as strong as it was last year and he might, on reflection, decide that the diversion of energies from the battle to get his budget accepted and to preserve Republican positions in the mid-term congressional elections was more than he could afford. He might also ask himself whether, if he is going to take on the pro-Israel lobby in a pitched battle - never a decision to be taken lightly by any American leader -- this is the right issue on which

to do it. "Before long we shall reach the position where an Arab-Israeli war can be fought mainly with American weapons on both sides, thereby no doubt greatly increasing the profits of the American arms industry but also casting severe doubt on the seriousness of America's commitment to peace. It is time for Mr. Reagan and his advisors to try putting the horse before the cart."

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